

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
July 11, 2013

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, Michelle Durocher, Curt Connors, Eileen Coleman, Chris Naylor, Catherine Garnett, and David White of the Commission. Charles Tirone, of the Commission, was not present. Also present were Bruce Whelple, Jimmy Barvick, Susan Chapnick, Karen Grossman, Betty Athanasakis, Tatyana Gavino, Ines Lundberg, Kathy Stowell, Samantha Balaban, Wayne Chouinard and EK Singh Khalsa.

7:45 pm – Commission Business:

White/Naylor motioned to approve the 6/6 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Connors/White motioned to approve the 6/20 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Barvick presented his revised plan for the stairs at **Window on the Mystic** from the input from AMC. He will redraft the document and bring it to be signed tomorrow morning. The edits include the use of angled rebar, bolts used if rocks prevent rebar from anchoring timbers, most of the cutting done off site, cover any piles or disturbed dirt if left overnight. The board will not allow gasoline powered tools or a generator.

White/Coleman motioned to approve the project with the revisions; motion passed unanimously.

8pm – **Notice of Intent** – 869 Massachusetts Ave, repair of culverts of Mill Brook

Mr. Chouinard presented the project to repair the twin culverts. The Commission asked for an additional narrative to include details regarding the bank restoration plan, if necessary, tree replanting, turbidity control within Mill Brook downstream of work area, stabilization of banks once project is complete, and the use of native plantings.

White/Connors motioned to continue the hearing to 7/18 at 8pm with the applicant's permission; motion passed unanimously.

8:15pm – **Notice of Intent** – Mystic River fuel oil spill and clean up work

The applicant, Clean Harbors, was not present so Ms. Beckwith outlined the spill event and cleanup work that she knew about.

Some of the attendees had more questions. Ms. Beckwith will ask Clean Harbors to attend the next meeting.

Mr. Singh Khalsa asked that the Conservation Commission review the remediation plan carefully and also include the Mystic River Watershed's review of the testing and plan in their consideration.

White/Coleman motioned to continue the hearing to 7/18 at 8:15pm; motion passed unanimously.

8:30pm **Request for Certificate of Compliance** – 18 Hamilton Rd, Spy Pond Condos shoreline stabilization project, DEP File No. 91-214

Mickey Marcus of NEE met members of the Commission on 7/8 to ask for a partial Certificate of Compliance. The emergent area didn't grow in due to predation by ducks and the wave action. Otherwise the project looked complete. The Commission felt that they could issue a full COC, but were hesitant to do this without consent of the applicant.

Ms. Beckwith will ask the manager and NEE to attend the next meeting.

8:45pm **Discussion** – Spy Pond Park shoreline plantings

Mr. Stevens invited members of the Friends of Spy Pond Park to come discuss their efforts to maintain the planting bed at the shoreline.

Commission Business (cont.)

Ms. Garnett reported on discussions ongoing regarding the Conservation areas at the **Symmes project**, the fencing, the tree replanting, funds for maintenance of the Symmes Woods.

Mr. Whittle reported that no work had occurred at the **Coolidge Rd** properties.

Ms. Durocher volunteered to help with the transition of the **website** information to the new format, as necessary.

Mr. White reported on the new effort to **dispose of invasive plants** properly.

Mr. White reported that the **Friends of Great Meadows** is looking to reconnect with the Conservation Commission and possibly the Land Stewards group to reinvigorate support in Arlington.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator